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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	AUTOMATIC IMAGE RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 11 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.  
☐ An Assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ Notice of Priority to claim priority date of December 28, 2000.  
☐ Applicant requests non-publication.  
☒ Applicant is a small entity.  
☒ An Unexecuted Declaration

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